Shri T. S. Ramaswamy : Has the Government taken any step to organise any co-operative society with adequate finances to do this work ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : There are in the State to-day two Central Co-operative Societies and already a sum of one lakh of rupees has been given to these two societies Rs. 75,000 to the Society at Trivandrum and Rs. 25,000 to the Society at Trichur in order to organise and improve the marketing of handloom goods.

Shri T. S. Ramaswamy : Is it a grant or a loan ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : It is a grant.

Titanium Factory

*14. [14] **Shri K. Bhanu :** Will the Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Titanium Factory at Trivandrum will start working in the near future ; and

(*b*) was it running at a loss ?

Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies (**Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon**):

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

Shri K. Bhanu : May I know whether the Central Government will render financial assistance so that it may be opened in the near future ?

Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon : The Central Government has been requested by this firm for assistance and this Government have endorsed that request. The assistance asked for is, firstly, that the Industrial Finance Corporation should give them a loan and secondly, that protection should be given to the industry. The question of protection was gone into by the Tariff Board and it is understood that they have made certain recommendations to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has not passed orders on those recommendations.

WRITTEN ANSWERS

Conditions in Jails

*15. [15] **Shri K. Bhanu :** Will the Minister for Home Affairs be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the conditions in jails have been improved and if so, in what manner ?

(*b*) the food ration allowed for inmates in jails.

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(*c*) whether in the evenings, the inmates are allowed to have any entertainments and if so, what kind of entertainments ?

(*d*) whether the inmates are supplied with magazines and periodicals ?

Minister for Home Affairs (**Shri T. M. Varghese**) :

(*a*) The following are the improvements made.

1. The ankle rings used to be imposed on prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment are not imposed now.

2. The Prison library has been developed with the additions of books on history, literature, ethics etc. The inmates are supplied with almost all the local newspapers and periodicals.

3. Radios with loud speakers are provided in jails for their recreation. The inmates are allowed to use the mike for the entertainment and education of the inmates on subjects religious, moral etc.

4. Jail industries are developed so as to afford facilities to the prisoners for vocational training according to the aptitude of each individual and suited to his following a trade when he goes out of the prison.

5. The scale of diet is modified to include all food factors required to keep up a man's health in good condition.

6. In addition to the allopathic treatment formerly allowed to prisoners, Ayurvedic treatment is also provided to those who require such treatment.

7. For recreation and leisure time entertainments the prisoners are allowed to play games such as volley ball etc., cinema shows of educative value are also shown to them at times.

8. Oils including medicated and soaps, both washing and toilet are allowed at the prisoners, own cost.

9. Punishments such as solitary confinement and substitution of gunny or other coarse fabric for clothing of other material are abolished.

(*b*) The diet scales of A, B & C class prisoners are attached.†

(*c*) Radio sets with loud speakers are provided in jails for evening entertainments. In the evenings of all working days and on holidays the inmates play volly ball etc.

(*d*) The inmates are supplied with magazines and periodicals.

Import Duty on Cocoanut Oil and Copra

*16. [16] **Shri K. Bhanu** : Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :

† see Appendix I,II and IV.

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APPENDIX I.

[*Please see Answer to Question No.* *15. [15]

A and B Class Prisoners—non-vegetarians.

Male convicts sentenced to labour.

Articles.	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*	*Sunday*
Bread or (if rice 16 oz.)	18 oz.	18 oz.	18 oz.	18 oz.	18 oz.	18 oz.	18 oz.
Fresh meat	..	..	6	..	..	..	6
Fresh fish	..	6	..	..	6	..	..
Potatoes	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Rice	4	3	3	4	3	4	3
Suji	..	2	2	..	2	..	2
Dhal	4	1 1/2	1 1/2	4	1 1/2	4	1 1/2
Cheese	2	..	..	2	..	2	..
Vegetables	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Cocotine	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
Salt	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4
Sugar	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Onions	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tea Pints	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Curry Powder	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
Milk pints	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
Fire wood	..		2 lbs.				

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APPENDIX II.

[*Please see answer to Question No.* *15. (15)]

A and B Class Prisoners-Vegetarians.

Article	*Male convicts sentenced to labour*		*Non-labouring male convicts, females and undertrial prisoners.*	
Rice or wheat (superior quality)	20	oz.	18	oz.
Dhal	4	,,	4	,,
Tamarind	1	,,	1	,,
Curry powder	3/4	,,	3/4	,,
Salt	1	,,	1	,,
Onions	1	,,	1	,,
Vegetables	8	,,	8	,,
Potatoes with yam or colocasia	4	,,	4	,,
Mustard	1/4	,,	1/4	,,
Pepper	1/4	,,	1/4	,,
Cumminseeds	1/4	,,	1/4	,,
Asafoetida	1/4	dram	1/4	dram
Garlic	1	dram	1	dram
Oil	1	oz.	1	oz.
Coconut	1/2	oz.	1/2	oz.
Butter milk or	1	pint	1	pint
Curd	1/2	pint	1/2	pint
Tea or coffee	1/2	oz.	1/2	oz.
Sugar	1	oz.	1	oz.
Milk	1/4	pint	1/4	pint
Ghee	1/2	oz.	1/4	oz.
Pappadams	2	nos.	2	nos.

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APPENDIX III

[*Please see answer to Question No. *15 (15)*]

Diet scale of C Class Prisoners.

Per head per day.	Rice or wheat	Morning 4 oz., Noon 10 oz.' Evening 4 oz
	Tapioca	6 oz. plus 3 oz. green gram (for puzhukku on the evenings of Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays).
	Vegetables	11 Oz. plus 1 oz. green gram (6 oz. Chena and 5 oz. plantain) for evening puzhukku on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
	Vegetables for Sambar on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday Noon- 4 oz. (2 oz. large and 2 oz small).	
Onions.	1/4 oz.	per head per day.
Tamarind.	1/4 oz..	,,
Curry powder	6 drs.	(chillies 4 drs. Coriander 1 1/2 drs. Turmeric 1/2 drs).
Cocoanuts.	2 oz.	per head per day.
Salt	1 1/4 oz.	,,
Firewood	1 1/2 lbs.	,,
Thire	2 oz.	,,
Cocoanut oil	5 drs.	,,
Mustard	4 grains.	,,
Comminseed	3 grains.	,,
Dhal	1/2 oz.	,,
Green gram	2 oz.	(once a week).
Fish	2 oz.	(thrice a week)
Uluva	1 grain	per head per day.
Asafoetida	1/8 dram.	,,
Pepper	1/8 ,,	,,
Garlic	1/2 ,,	,,

Distribution of diet of 'C' Class prisoners.

Morning 4 oz.	conjee with a chammanthi.
Noon	10 oz. rice with Sambar and butter milk on three days
	do. with fish and butter milk on three days and
	do. with green gram and butter milk on one day.
Evening	4 oz. conjee with a puzhukku.

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